



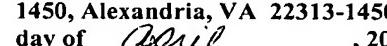
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 4025
David John Zanzig, et al.) Docket No.: DN2002132
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF) Art Unit: 1714
RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED) Examiner: Kriellion Antionette Sanders
OF SILANOL AND/OR SILOXY)
FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMER AND)
SILICA)
Serial No.: 10/628,735)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated March 29, 2006, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.